

**LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

**MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS**

**July 26, 1966**

The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission was held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, July 25 and 26, 1966.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs, preparation of the Agenda for Tuesday's meeting, and other matters were taken into consideration pertaining to the Commission.

The Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 26, 1966 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Thompson who stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Kyle, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of March 1, 1966, May 23 and 24, 1966, June 23 and 24, 1966, and July 1, 1966 were dispensed with and approved as submitted to the Commission.

Chairman Thompson then publicly announced that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission will hold a public meeting in Baton Rouge on Tuesday, August 2, 1966, at 3:00 P.M., in the Louisiana State Library on the Fifth Floor in the Conference Room at which time the dates of the 1966-67 hunting season will be decided.

Chairman Thompson called Mr. Joe Herring to the floor for the next item on the Agenda.

Mr. Herring said that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has had a lease with the Union Producing Company for the past 10 years on some land on Finch Bayou. During these years Louisiana's sportsmen have enjoyed many hours of hunting and fishing on this property and the Commission has also constructed a dam in this area. Mr. Herring stated this lease is up for renewal and he would like to recommend that the Commission approve the renewal of this lease for another 10 years so that the Commission can continue the conservation program in this area for the preservation of the wildlife and fisheries resources.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the renewal of the lease for a ten (10) year period, beginning June 1, 1966 and ending May 31, 1976 with Union Producing Company for the continued establishment and location of a fish and wildlife management area located in Sections 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33, Township 22 North, Range 4 East; and Sections 4, 5 and 8, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, in Union Parish, which sections comprise approximately 625 acres.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby empowered and authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson again stated for the benefit of those who were not present for the first announcement, that there would be a public meeting on Tuesday, August 2, at 3:00 P.M. in Baton Rouge to be held at the Louisiana State Library on the Fifth Floor.

Chairman Thompson then called Mr. Richard Yancey to the floor to tell the Commission of the possibility of having a district office located in Lake Charles.

Mr. Yancey said that funds have been appropriated in the amount of \$50,000.00 in this fiscal year's budget for the construction of district V office. For the past several years DeRidder has been the site of the district V headquarters, but now the Lake Charles City Council has offered a fine lot to the Commission for the

purpose of building the office there. Mr. Yancey stated that he, Mr. Jerry Jones and Mr. Herring had met with Mayor James Sudduth of Lake Charles to discuss their proposal. The terms of the lease would be for 99 years at \$10.00 a year on a lot with a frontage width of 150 ft. and a depth of an estimated 350 ft. The property is located on U. S. Hwy. 90 next to a District office of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety. Mr. Yancey said that the feasibility of the Commission entering into this lease agreement with the Lake Charles City Council has been checked and found to be in good order.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been appropriated in the budget for this fiscal year for the construction of a district V office, and

WHEREAS, the Lake Charles City Council has expressed its interest, and desire to cooperate with the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission by authorizing Mayor James E. Sudduth, Mayor of the City of Lake Charles, to negotiate an agreement with this Commission for a site.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the construction of the District V office site in Lake Charles on a site to be provided by the City under a long term lease agreement. This lease to be for a term of ninety-nine (99) years beginning August 1, 1966, and the consideration

for this lease shall be the sum of ten dollars and no/100 (\$10.00) per year, payable in advance. The location of the proposed construction of the district office is to be located in Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 8 West in the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Parish of Calcasieu adjacent to the district office of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

At this time, Chairman Thompson asked Mr. Yancey to tell the Commission of the timber sale on the Russell-Sage Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Yancey said that the Russell Sage Game Management Area, a 15,000 acre tract of land just east of Monroe, was purchased by the Commission in 1960. With the assistance of the L.S.U. School of Forestry and Wildlife Management personnel, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has been able to initiate a proposed selective timber cutting program which, when carried out, will enable many of the plants valuable to wildlife to flourish. Mr. Yancey said that approximately one million board feet of timber have been marked for cutting on this area and would like to recommend that this timber be sold to the highest bidder, with the sale being handled through the Division of Administration.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, for the benefit of forest game and waterfowl on the Russell-Sage Game Management area, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has established a timber stand improvement program, and

WHEREAS, the objective of the program is to create a wide variety of hardwood mast producers in this forest, thereby affording deer browse on a year round basis and mast for squirrels, waterfowl and other forms of wildlife being assured, and

WHEREAS, through careful supervision by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission personnel in this area, and with the assistance of the L. S. U. School of Forestry and Wildlife Management staff, this purpose is being accomplished.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Division of Administration to advertise the sale of approximately one million board feet of timber to be sold to the highest bidder with the proceeds of the sale to be used by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. for wildlife purposes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson called on Mr. Herring to tell the Commission of the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring said that the Commission, in the past has had a lease agreement with the Zemurray family for a wildlife management area which will be up for renewal. This area has a deer proof fence

around the entire area constructed by the landowner. Deer have been trapped on this area in past years to stock other areas in the State as well as providing good deer hunting on the area itself. Mr. Herring stated that wild turkey have also been recently stocked on this area with the anticipation in the future of stocking turkey ranges in other parts of the state. Mr. Herring said that in the interest of wildlife conservation, he recommends that the Commission approve the renewal of this lease agreement for 15 years, free of fees.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the renewal of 15 year lease agreement for the Zemurray Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson called on Mr. Herring to tell the Commission about the dove season.

Mr. Herring stated the Commission received in the early part of July, the framework outlining the 1966-67 seasons on rails, gallinules, woodcock, doves, and snipe. This framework was sent to the Commission by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and special instructions enclosed stating the information had to be returned within 10 days after date of the letter, July 8, 1966. Mr. Herring said that he would like for the Commission to ratify this action.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve and ratify the following dates for the 1966-67 Migratory Bird Treaty Act regulations for Louisiana:

RAILS AND GALLINULES: November 5, 1966 to January 13, 1967

70 consecutive full days. Daily bag 15, possession 30 singly or aggregate.

WOODCOCK: December 10, 1966 to January 28, 1967

50 consecutive full days. Daily bag 5, possession 10.

MOURNING DOVES: 3 periods- September 3 to September 18, 1966 (16 days)

October 15 to November 6, 1966 (23 days)

December 3, 1966 to January 2, 1967 (31 days)

COMMON (WILSON'S) SNIPE: November 26, 1966 to January 14, 1967

50 consecutive full days. Daily bag 8, possession 16.

Chairman Thompson asked Mr. Yancey to tell the Commission about the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey said that on August 1, 1966 the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's lease agreement expires for the Chicago-Mill Game Management Area. On this property the Commission has a small frame building for which we have previously requested the Division of Administration to advertise for bids. A total of seven (7) bids were received on the building and Mr. Yancey recommended that the Commission sell the Newlite camp to the high bidder for the amount of \$1,051.25.



On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's lease on the Chicago-Mill Game Management Area will expire on August 1, 1966 for which a renewal of the lease cannot be negotiated.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the sale of the cabin located on the Chicago Mill Game Management Area, which sale is to be handled through the Division of Administration selling the cabin to the highest bidder for \$1,051.25.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey was also called on to tell the Commission about the land acquisition in Avoyelles Parish, known as the Spring Bayou Area.

Mr. Yancey said that since 1960 the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has been in the process of acquiring additional land for wildlife management purposes. First, the Russell Sage Game Management Area, a 15,000 acre tract of land near Monroe was purchased. This was followed in 1963-64 by the purchase of 60,000 acres of land known as the Saline Wildlife Management Area, located in Catahoula and LaSalle Parishes. Funds for these two land acquisitions came from the Russell Sage Foundation. These acquisitions were made for the purpose of creating public hunting and fishing areas and to preserve a small portion of Louisiana's fast

disappearing hardwood forest areas which are now being cleared for agricultural purposes. Mr. Yancey stated that the Commission received an appraisal from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the land in Avoyelles Parish of \$73.00 per acre and the owners have agreed to sell for this amount. The tract of land offered to the Commission comprises approximately 11,237 acres, more or less and would cost the Commission, if purchased, about \$ 820,000.00 with the funds coming from the Commission's Conservation Fund. After further discussion, Mr. Yancey recommended that the Commission purchase this property for wildlife management area purposes.

At a meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission held at the registered office, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana and a quorum being present, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the preservation of forests, lakes and natural wildlife habitat is of the utmost importance to the future of outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the conservation of wildlife can only be attained by maintaining a proper balance between good forestry, good farming, and use of land for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the present trend toward land clearing and conversion of woodland into agricultural land is rapidly changing the balance between good forestry and good farming, and changing the natural wildlife habitat as well; and

WHEREAS, one of the outstanding areas for wildlife and outdoor recreation in the State of Louisiana lies in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, widely used and enjoyed by the public and well known throughout the State and the South as the Spring Bayou Area; and

WHEREAS, several tracts of land comprising all of the Spring Bayou Area have been made available for purchase by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, containing approximately 11,200 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of the Spring Bayou Area as an outstanding recreational area is of the utmost importance to present and future generations, and the acquisition by the Commission of this property would assure its preservation; and

WHEREAS, the consideration for which this land is being offered is the price of Seventy-Three dollars per acre, the reservation by the vendors in perpetuity of all of the oil, gas and other minerals, and the provision that should the property cease to be used for game management purposes and sale is contemplated, that the former vendors be granted a right of first refusal to reacquire title, if the contemplated sale is to be by private sale, or be given written notice a reasonable time in advance of the contemplated sale, if the contemplated sale is to be by sealed competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this property has been carefully considered by the Chairman, the Director, and all Members of this Commission, and it is considered that the acquisition thereof would be most favorable and advantageous to the future welfare of fish

and wildlife as a wildlife management area, and that the acquisition thereof will be mutually beneficial to the State of Louisiana, this Commission, the citizens and residents of this State;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchase from the persons and corporations being the valid recorded owners thereof at the time of sale, the property hereinafter described as Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part thereof, and situated in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, for the consideration of Seventy-Three dollars per acre, the reservation by the vendors in perpetuity of all of the soil, gas and other minerals, and the provision that should the property cease to be used for game management purposes and sale is contemplated, that the former vendors be granted a right of first refusal to reacquire title, if the contemplated sale is to be by private sale, be given written notice a reasonable time in advance of the contemplated sale, if the contemplated sale is to be by sealed competitive bidding; all subject to the following conditions, exceptions and reservations:

(a) The vendors will furnish at their expense to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission title insurance policies covering the lands purchased, issued by a company or companies acceptable to the vendee. The policies will be subject to the exceptions hereinafter setforth.

(b) The conveyance shall be subject to the reservation in perpetuity to vendor of all oil, gas and other minerals made by vendors in the conveyance, and subject to any mineral reservations made by prior owners, and to all rights of ingress and egress for the proposed drilling for and producing said minerals, and other surface uses of said lands as provided for in the deeds of record in the office of the clerk of court of Avoyelles Parish;

(c) The conveyance shall be subject to the provisions that should the property cease to be used for game management purposes, and sale is contemplated, that the former vendors be granted a right of first refusal to reacquire title, if the contemplated sale is to be by private sale, or be given written notice a reasonable time in advance of the contemplated sale, if the contemplated sale is to be sealed competitive bidding;

(d) Vendors shall convey said lands subject to all servitudes of rights-of-way for highway and utilities, timber sales and surface leases and any other servitudes of record in the office of the clerk of court of Avoyelles Parish;

(e) Vendors shall not warrant the exact number of acres sold, and the acreage to be acquired will be accepted in accordance with the latest United States Government Survey; should it develop by later survey that the acreage is more or less than stipulated on the deed, neither vendors nor vendee will be accountable therefore to the other.

(f) Vendors shall not be responsible for any adverse claims of title to any of the lands not disclosed by the records in the office of the Clerk of Court of Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

(g) The warranty of vendors shall be limited to the obligation to return the purchase price in the event of failure of title.

(h) The ad valorem taxes on said lands for the past three years, including the year 1965 shall be paid by vendors; taxes for the year 1966 shall be prorated as of the date of sale, based on the assessment of the previous year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Jimmie Thompson, Chairman, and Mr. H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to act for and on behalf and in the name of this Commission to purchase the abovementioned lands, and to sign any and all necessary deeds and documents in connection therewith, to pay the purchase price thereof and all pertinent and necessary and usual expenses of the purchases, which said deeds and documents may contain such additional conditions, stipulations, and provisions as they may deem wise and to the best interest of the Commission.

EXHIBIT "A"

Certain tracts of land situated in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana,  
described as follows:

TRACT 1:

T2N, R4E	Section 25:	E/2, Less NE/4-NE/4: W/2-W/2; and westernmost 84 acres of E/2-W/2.....	617.50 acres
T2N, R4E	Section 36:	N/2-N/2; SE/4-NW/4; E/2- SW/4; and S/2-SE/4 .....	441.30 acres
T2N, R5E	Section 30:	All, except that portion of the N/2-SW/4 lying south and west of Boggy Bayou .....	600.60 acres
T2N, R5E	Section 31:	N/2-N/2; SE/4-NW/4; NE/4- SW/4; and S/2 - S/2 .....	400.53 acres
T1N, R5E	Section 6:	All .....	620.60 acres
T1N, R5E	Section 7:	All that portion of Section 7 lying north of the centerline of Old River .....	462.06 acres

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TOTAL... 3,142.59 acres

TRACT 2:

Township 2 North, Range 5 East

Section 21	All 1/4 - NW 1/4	639.08 acres
Section 27	NW 1/4	160.12 acres
Section 28	All	639.44 acres
Section 29	All, except the E 1/2-NW 1/4 and N 1/2-NE 1/4-SW 1/4	521.82 acres
Section 32	E 1/2 and E 1/2-W 1/2	481.23 acres
Section 33	All	640.32 acres
Section 34	N 1/2-SW 1/4	79.84 acres

Township 1 North, Range 5 East

Section 3	SW 1/4-NW 1/4	40.44 acres
Section 4	All	636.96 acres
Section 5	All	636.96 acres
Section 8	All	639.51 acres

Section 9	All	640.12 acres
Section 17	NW 1/4; SW 1/4-NE 1/4; and NE 1/4-SE 1/4	239.34 acres
Section 18	NE 1/4; N 1/2-SE 1/4; N 1/2- NW 1/4	314.15 acres

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TOTAL	6,309.33 acres
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**TRACT 3:**

A certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred (100) acres, more or less, and being the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E 1/2 of NW 1/4) and the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4) of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 5 East.

A certain tract of parcel of land containing thirty-five (35) acres, more or less, and being the Southernmost thirty-five acres of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4 of SW 1/4) of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 5 East.

A certain tract or parcel of land containing eighty (80) acres, more or less, being the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E 1/2 of NE 1/4) of Section 27, Township 2 North, Range 5 East.

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to a certain tract or parcel of land containing four hundred eighty (480) acres, more or less, lying in and forming a portion of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, and being the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 of NW 1/4), the East Half (E 1/2), and all that portion of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S 1/2 of NW 1/4) lying east of the center line of Old River.

**TRACT 4:**

A certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred sixty (160) acres, more or less, and being the West Half of the Northeast Quarter (N 1/2 of NE 1/4) and the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 of SE 1/4) of Section 27, Township 2 North, Range 5 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

**TRACT 5:**

A certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred sixty (160) acres, more or less, and being the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 2 North, Range 5 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

**TRACT 6:**



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The northernmost thirty (30) acres of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 of NW 1/4) of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 5 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

**TRACT 7:**

A certain tract or parcel of land containing thirty-five (35) acres, more or less, and being the North five acres of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4 of SW 1/4) and the south thirty acres of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 of SW 1/4) of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 5 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

**TRACT 8:**

An undivided two-thirds (2/3rds) interest in and to a certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred sixty (160) acres, more or less, and being the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S 1/2 of NE 1/4) and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N 1/2 of SE 1/4) of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 5 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

**TRACT 9:**

A certain tract or parcel of land containing sixty (60) acres, more or less, lying in and forming a portion of the East Half of the West Half (E 1/2 of W 1/2) of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 4 East, and bounded now or formerly on the North by Richard Michel, South by Mark Roy, Jr., and East and West by Morgan W. Walker.

**TRACT 10:**

A certain tract or parcel of land containing twenty-two (22) acres, more or less, and being all of that portion lying east of the center line of Old River of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 of NW 1/4) of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

**TRACT 11:**

An undivided one-half (1/2) Interest in and to a certain tract or parcel of land containing thirty-four (34) acres, more or less, and being all that portion lying east of the center line of Old River of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE 1/4 - SW 1/4) of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

**TRACT 12:**

An undivided one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) interest in and to a certain tract or parcel of land containing four hundred eighty (480) acres, more or less, lying in and forming a portion of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, and being the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ), the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and all that portion of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) lying east of the center line of Old River.

**TRACT 13:**

A certain tract or parcel of land containing 200 acres, more or less, lying in and forming a portion of Sections 16 and 17, Township 1 North, Range 5 East, and being the West Half of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter and the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16; and the North Half of the Northeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 5 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

**TRACT 14:**

A certain tract or parcel of land containing 160 acres, more or less, and being the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 5 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

**TRACT 15:**

A certain tract or parcel of land containing 20 acres, more or less, being the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 5 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

**TRACT 16:**

A certain tract or parcel of land containing forty (40) acres, more or less, and being all that portion lying south and west of Boggy Bayou of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N/2-SW/4) of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 5 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

**TRACT 17:**

A certain tract or parcel of land containing eighty (80) acres, more or less, and being the southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW/4-NW/4) and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4-SW/4) of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 5 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.



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May 27, 1966

Mr. Joe D. Hair, Director  
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Dear Mr. Hair:

Realty personnel from this office have completed a reconnaissance-type appraisal of the area in Avoyelles Parish proposed for acquisition by the State for use as a public hunting and fishing area. This work was done during the period May 10-13 and covered an estimated 10,832 acres.

In our opinion, the current fair market value of these lands is \$73 per acre. This figure is exclusive of merchantable timber products and is the average value of the 14 private ownerships which have been offered to the Commission. As was agreed by our appraisers and Mr. Yancey, our men did not consider the merchantable timber products since the Louisiana Forestry Commission had agreed to do this. The total value of the area can be obtained by adding the above land value to the estimated timber value.

When your people requested that we check this area, it was pointed out that the owners had gotten together and decided to offer all their lands at the price of \$93 per acre. This same price was to be applied whether a tract had 6 acres or 6,000 acres and regardless of it being good waterfront with recreational opportunity or buttonbush swamp. Due to the large size of the project area, it was decided that a more accurate and logical approach would be to consider each tract on its own merits.

On a project basis this generally results in a higher value since smaller tracts usually sell for higher unit prices. We arrived at values of the offered tracts as follows:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Value Per Acre</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
1	Morgan W. Walker et al	3,143	\$75	\$235,725
2	B. E. Quinn, Jr., et al	6,309	70	441,630
3	Marc Dupuy, Jt., et al	455	90	40,950
4	Frederick Newton	160	50	8,000
5	Roy O. Martin Lbr. Co., Inc.	160	50	8,000
6	Gradney H. Cowillan	30	75	2,250
7	Edward S. Carey	35	75	2,625
8	Leroy Stafford Havard	107	75	8,025
9	Richard Michel	60	125	7,500
10	Earl Edwards	22	150	3,300
11	Richard J. Dupuy	22	150	3,300
12	North Fork Corporation	240	100	24,000
13	Edith E. M. Howestt	80	75	6,000
14	Mark Ray, Jr.	9	150	1,350
		<u>10,832</u>	<u>\$ 73</u>	<u>\$ 792,655</u>

In estimating the value of the above tracts, things such as access, location, water frontage, hunting and fishing opportunity and agricultural potential were considered. As shown above, we feel that the poorer and less accessible lands are worth only \$50 per acre, while some of the smaller parcels with good waterfront are appraised at \$150 per acre. The average of these is \$73 per acre.

To support the values which were assigned, we found acreage sales which ranged in price from \$40 an acre to \$150 per acre. Specifically, we found three sales which occurred in 1965 in and adjacent to the project area. These ranged from \$50 per acre to \$65 per acre. We also noted several waterfront lot sales along Boggy Bayou that sold for \$500-\$750 per lot. The tracts assigned values of \$150 per acre had potential for limited lot sales such as this.

Prices of lower quality lands suitable for crop production have increased markedly in the past couple of years. Though most of the project is not suitable for crop production under present drainage conditions, base land values have shared in the general increase. Several years ago, most of these lands could have been purchased for \$20-\$25 per acre and some of the larger tracts for less.

Since all the subject lands have been offered to the State at \$93 per acre, you might like to know how this figure developed. Mr. Morgan Walker, owner of 7,840 acres in and adjacent to the project area, entered into a buy and sell agreement on November 16, 1965, with Mr.

Robert E. McGill, a speculator and promoter from Baton Rouge. The instrument included all of the 7,840 acres at an average price of \$93 per acre. This was determined as follows and is so set forth in the agreement:

4,697 acres suitable for clearing @ \$100

3,143 acres not suited for clearing	@	80
7,840 acres	average	\$ 93

As far as our appraisers were able to determine, this is a valid agreement, with Mr. McGill putting up \$20,000 earnest money. Apparently, after Mr. McGill got these lands tied up, he went looking for someone to buy them--at a much higher price, of course. He has subsequently offered to sell the State the poorer, unclearable land at his average cost of \$93 per acre. He has also entered into an agreement with the Capital Land Company of Crowley, Louisiana, to sell the best 2,000 acres for \$150 per acre, and this land is to be cleared for soybean production. This agreement was signed on April 7, 1966, but we were not able to determine if this price was a result of arms-length dealing or if both parties to the agreement have interlocking business arrangements. This would leave Mr. McGill with about 2,697 acres worth approximately \$125 per acre. If he could sell for this, it means he would have only about \$12 per acre tied up in the 3,143 acres he is offering to the State at \$93 per acre. Naturally, there are expenses involved and everyone is entitled to a fair profit, so the \$12 figure is not any indication of value. Rather, we feel that the problem arises when these lower-valued lands were assigned a value of \$80 in the agreement referred to earlier. In our opinion, the lands suitable for clearing should have been assigned a value of \$110 per acre, rather than \$100, and the unclearable land should have been assigned a value of about \$65 per acre rather than \$80. With these values you still get the average figure of \$93 per acre.

The \$65 figure we use above is given good support by sale of an undivided one-half interest in a 480-acre tract in the project. This involved tract (12), purchased by the North Fork Corporation in September 1965 for a consideration of \$32.50 per acre. Since this conveyed only a half interest, a value of \$65 is indicated for the whole. The President of North Fork Corporation is Dr. Neal Owens, who is also a partner to Mr. Robert McGill on the purchase of the 7,840 acres from Mr. Walker. It is also interesting to note that Mr. Marc Dupuy, Jr., owns the other half interest in the 480-acre tract recently acquired by North Fork Corporation. Mr. Dupuy is also the one who has contacted the owners and has obtained their authority to sell to the State.

This information is furnished since it appears there are intermingled interests involved on the part of some of the people promoting this sale at the average price of \$93 an acre. The Walker (or McGill) tract and the Quinn tract comprise about 89% of the area offered. These two parcels are not in our opinion worth \$93 per acre. We believe the Walker (or McGill) tract has a value of \$75/acre and the Quinn tract \$70/acre.

If we can be of further assistance on this area or any other acquisition you plan, let us know.

We will furnish a report on the area in Concordia Parish in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. L. Towns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

W. L. Towns

Associate Regional Director

Chairman Thompson asked Mr. Yancey to also tell the Commission about the possible acquisition of land in Concordia Parish.

Mr. Yancey said that he would like to recommend that the Commission also purchase a 12,600 acre tract of land located in Concordia Parish for the same reason as stated in connection with the Spring Bayou Area. He stated that this land has also been appraised by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service at \$70.00 an acre. The present owners of the land are asking a price of approximately \$63.40 per acre or a total of \$800,000.00. This tract borders Red River for about eight miles, it is occupied by a stand of bottomland hardwoods including overcup oak, bitter pecan, cottonwood willow, cypress, etc. It is inside the ring levee but parts of it will go under water during periods of heavy rainfall in Concordia Parish and high river stages on the Red River. Two or three small shallow lakes are located on the property that are used by ducks during the winter months, part of Cocodrie Bayou and Catfish Bayou run through the area, an excellent deer herd and a fair squirrel population is present. The area is utilized by livestock and land clearing for agricultural purposes has now reached the west boundary of the property. There is an outstanding timber cutting contract which will run for one year on trees over 22 inches D.B.H. The area would make a good wildlife management area project if it can be acquired and it would be very accessible to the sportsmen from Baton Rouge now that the road over the Old River locks has been completed. Mr. Yancey said he would like to recommend that

the Commission authorize the purchase of this land in Concordia Parish.

At a meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission held at the registered office, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and a quorum being present, on motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is greatly interested in establishing additional wildlife management areas in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Commission initiated a program of land purchase in 1961 to accomplish this purpose and preserve at least a portion of the state's largely disappearing forest game ranges in the delta regions of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, one tract of land comprising 12,600 acres of bottomland hardwoods located in south Concordia Parish has been offered to the Commission for \$63.49 per acre; and

WHEREAS, this particular tract has been appraised by representatives of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service at \$70.00 per acre; and

WHEREAS, this tract if acquired will make an excellent wildlife management area and mean much to sport fishing, hunting, and the preservation of Louisiana's fish and game resources in the future; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this property has been carefully considered by the Chairman, the Director, and all Members of this Commission, and it is considered that the acquisition thereof would be most favorable and advantageous to the future welfare of



fish and wildlife as wildlife management areas, and that the acquisition thereof will be mutually beneficial to the State of Louisiana, this Commission, the citizens and residents of this State;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchase from the Ellis heirs namely:

ANN THORON HALE, wife of George W. Hale, Jr.;

CHRISTOPHER THORON, husband of Mrs. Janeth Lloyd Thoron;

SAMUEL THORON, husband of Mrs. Julia Miller Thoron;

EILEEN MAC VEAGH TOUMANOFF, wife of Vindinir Toumanoff;

EDITH MAC VEAGH HUEY, wife of George H. Harris Huey;

MOIRA MAC VEAGH BURNHAM, wife of Daniel Burnham;

ELLEN MAC VEAGH GALLAGHER, wife of John F. Gallagher;

the following described lands located and situated in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

The following described lands situated in the District of Lands North of Red River and East of the Louisiana Meridian, in Concordia Parish, State of Louisiana, to-wit:

In Township 3 North, Range 7 East:

All of section 2, containing 163.20 acres;  
All of section 3, containing 166.54 acres;  
All of section 4, containing 167.36 acres;  
All of section 5, containing 165.52 acres;  
All of section 6, containing 163.65 acres;  
All of section 7, containing 163.46 acres;  
All of section 8, containing 163.35 acres;  
All of section 9, containing 163.62 acres;  
All of section 10, containing 161.41 acres;  
All of section 11, containing 159.46 acres;  
All of section 12, containing 163.80 acres;  
All of section 13, containing 167.70 acres;  
All of section 17, containing 160.92 acres;  
All of section 18, containing 163.80 acres;  
All of section 19, containing 166.15 acres;  
All of section 20, containing 170.88 acres;  
All of section 21, containing 166.50 acres;  
All of section 22, containing 166.03 acres;  
All of section 23, containing 164.56 acres;  
All of section 24, containing 162.23 acres;  
All of section 25, containing 168.44 acres;  
All of section 26, containing 167.90 acres;  
All of section 27, containing 162.20 acres;  
All of section 28, containing 163.80 acres;  
All of section 29, containing 175.50 acres;  
All of section 30, containing 178.71 acres;  
All of section 31, containing 181.66 acres;  
All of section 32, containing 175.33 acres;  
All of section 33, containing 180.06 acres;  
All of section 41, containing 397.69 acres;  
All of section 42, containing 468.54 acres;  
All of section 43, containing 640.16 acres;  
All of section 44, containing 640.88 acres;  
All of section 45, containing 641.08 acres;  
All of section 46, containing 610.22 acres;  
All of section 47, containing 610.20 acres;  
All of section 48, containing 464.14 acres;

**In Township 3 North, Range 8 East:**

All of section 1, containing 160.81 acres;  
All of section 2, containing 165.20 acres;  
All of section 3, containing 166.70 acres;  
All of section 4, containing 165.79 acres;  
All of section 5, containing 164.06 acres;  
All of section 6, containing 158.57 acres;  
All of section 7, containing 163.12 acres;  
All of section 8, containing 165.30 acres;  
All of section 48, containing 639.44 acres;  
All of section 49, containing 642.24 acres;  
All of section 50, containing 120.95 acres;  
S 1/2 of section 51, containing 308.57 acres;  
All of section 52, containing 639.92 acres;

The said lands aggregating 12,977.32 acres, more or less,

**LESS AND EXCEPT:**

4.70 acres, more or less, in Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 8 East, as is more fully described in the judgment rendered on October 19, 1949 in the suit entitled "United States of America, Petitioner, vs 99.30 Acres, More or Less in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, and Mrs. Elizabeth W. Ellis, Defendant" No. 2545 on the Docket of the United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, and recorded October 22, 1949, in Conveyance Book 0-3, pages 227 and 257 of the Conveyance Records of Concordia Parish and as above shown.

Approximately 12,600 acres in whole or in part, for the price of approximately \$63.49 per acre or a consideration of \$800,000.00 subject to the following conditions, exceptions and reservations:

(a) The seller will furnish at Purchaser's expense a title insurance policy, or policies, covering the lands purchased, issued by a company, or companies, acceptable to the Purchaser. The said policy shall be subject to the exception hereinafter set forth.

(b) The seller hereby reserves to himself in perpetuity all of the oil, gas, and other minerals and to all rights of ingress and egress for the purpose of mining and producing said minerals and other surface uses of said lands as provided for in the deeds of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of the Parish in which said lands lie that pertain to same.

(c) Seller shall convey said lands subject to all servitudes of rights-of-way for highway, pipelines and utilities, timber sales, surface leases and any other servitudes of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of the Parish in which said lands lie that affect said lands.

(d) No warranty shall be made by the Seller as to the number of acres sold, and the acreage to be acquired will be accepted in accordance with the latest United States Government survey. Should it develop by later survey that the acreage is

more or less than stipulated in the deed, neither Purchaser nor Seller will be accountable therefore to the other.

(e) Seller shall not be responsible for any adverse title to any of said lands not disclosed by the records in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of the Parish in which said lands lie.

(f) The ad valorem taxes on said land for the past three years, including the year 1965, shall be paid by the Seller. Taxes for the year 1966 shall be prorated as of the date of sale, based on the assessment of the previous year.

(g) This sale is subject to the approval of the Russell Sage Foundation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Messrs. Jimmie Thompson, Chairman, H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman, and Commission Director be and they are hereby appointed and authorized and empowered to act for and on behalf and in the name of this Commission to purchase the aforementioned lands, and to sign any and all necessary deeds and documents in connection therewith, to pay the purchase price thereof and all pertinent and necessary and usual expenses of the purchases which said deeds and documents may contain such additional conditions, stipulations, and provisions as they may deem wise and to the best interest of the Commission.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
PEACHTREE-SEVENTH BUILDING  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30323

June 3, 1966

Mr. Joe D. Hair, Director  
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission  
400 Royal Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70100

LAFA - Louisiana

Dear Mr. Hair:

Realty personnel from this office have completed a reconnaissance-type appraisal of the area in Concordia Parish proposed for acquisition by the State. The field work was accomplished during the period May 13-15.

The subject tract is in one ownership of about 12,878 acres along the Red River. The land is owned by the heirs of Mrs. Elizabeth Warder Ellis, all of whom live out of state. A local attorney, Mr. W. C. Falkenheimer, of Vidalia, looks after the interests of the owners.

Due to extremely high water conditions, the appraisers were not able to see much of the area except by boat. The water was supposedly the highest it had been in several years and was due to the fact that drainage through the area had been stopped by the flooding Red River.

The Corps of Engineers have plans to alleviate the flooding problem by pumping water from the subject area when the Red River is high. This is expected to be accomplished in the next five years since such land is in demand for growing soybeans. In fact, the value of these lands depends on how soon the Corps of Engineers begin their drainage improvements.

The tract is all timbered with the exception of the levee. Principal species are bitter pecan, overcup oak, willow, cypress, and ash. There is presently a timber contract outstanding to J. M. Jones Lumber Company of Natchez, Mississippi. There is no termination date, but the owners can cancel by giving one year's notice. It is estimated that 1200-1500 acres have been cutover since the contract was executed about two years ago. The area is not being stripped since only those trees 22 inches and above, measured 12 inches from the ground, are being cut. It is felt that the remaining merchantable timber products contribute approximately \$15 per acre to the value of this property. This average figure includes the cutover area.

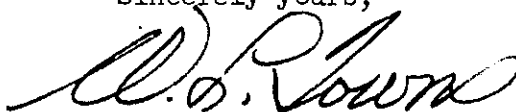
The Parish land and tax records were checked to get some indication of what lands of this type would sell for. We were unable to find any large sales or any sales of lands where the drainage was as poor as the subject. The timber land sales noted were for 40-80 acre tracts and ranged in price from \$100-150 per acre. Generally, similar timber

products values were involved. All the tracts checked were purchased for clearing and subsequent soybeans production.

Due to the current poor drainage, it is doubtful that more than about 2,000 acres of the subject land could be safely farmed in a typical year. However, since the land-buying public is aware of the planned drainage improvements, these lands have great speculative appeal.

In estimating the value of this tract, we are assuming the premise that drainage improvements will be made, but not for approximately three years. In the meantime, the better timber could be removed. On this basis the present market value, including the timber products, but excluding mineral rights, is \$70 per acre.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. L. Towns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "W." and last name "Towns" clearly distinguishable.

W. L. Towns

Associate Regional Director

FALKENHEIMER, CALHOUN & McDONOUGH

P. O. Box 226

Vidalia, Louisiana 71373

27 June 1966

Mr. J. D. Hair, Jr., Director  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
Old Peabody Hall  
Capitol Station  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Hair:

Re: Ellis Estate land, Concordia  
Parish, Louisiana.

You will recall that several weeks ago you submitted an offer to purchase the captioned land for \$60.00 per acre, which was promptly forwarded by me to Judge John F. Gallagher at Colorado Springs, whose wife is one of the interested parties and with whom I am in contact as the local representative. I have just this morning received a reply from Judge Gallagher, which has taken some time to assemble because of the scattered locations of the parties owning this property, and he has authorized me to make you the following definite counter proposal:

The Ellis heirs offer to sell to the Commission all of their property in Concordia Parish lying west of Bayou Cocodrie, containing approximately 12,600 acres, for a total cash price of \$800,000.00. This sale would be made subject to a reservation by the sellers of all oil, gas and minerals and mineral rights, which under our present laws would be perpetual, and would also be made subject to a timber management contract in favor of J. M. Jones Lumber Company, Inc., which is of record in Concordia Parish. This timber management contract is cancelable on one year's notice, with Jones having the right during that year to cut all timber on the land measuring 22 inches and up, 12 inches from the ground, except cypress, which shall be 22 inches and up, measured 6 feet from the ground. It is assumed that you would wish to give Jones notice of one year's termination, and the Ellis heirs would reserve all rights for stumpage paid during the one year cutting period left to Jones. A copy of the timber management contract is enclosed, for your further information.

The Ellis heirs further wish to have payment of the \$800,000.00 payable in installments over a three or four year period so that they may obtain maximum income tax benefits.



Mr. J. D. Hair, Jr.

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27 June 1966

I have discussed this matter with Mr. Yancey on the telephone, and he has advised that I write you this letter.

I will be happy to meet with you to discuss any additional details should you care to do so.

Please let me have some reply at your earliest opportunity.

With very best wishes,

Very truly yours,

WCF/ac

W. C. Falkenheimer

enclosure

July 1, 1966

Mr. Joe L. Herring, Chief  
Fish and Game Division  
Capitol Station  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Herring:

Reference is made to the proposed land acquisition in Concordia Parish. This tract of land consist of approximately 12,600 acres and is located in the southern portion of the parish. This area would make an outstanding wildlife management area. It presently supports a large deer herd and a fair squirrel population. It has good potential for waterfowl development.

This area is located inside the Concordia Parish Ring Levee but it is subject to flooding about every five years from rain water piling up behind the levee when Red River is high outside the levee. The Corp of Engineers has plans to install pumps within this area which will greatly alleviate this occasional flooding problem.

I might also mention that the area is readily accessible by a gravel all weather public road that runs along the southern property line. In this area large acreages of woodland are being cleared each year for agricultural purposes. It has been predicted by authorities that this trend will continue. Land purchase of lands suitable for game management purposes appears to be the only means whereby some tracts of hardwood forests can be preserved for future use by the state's sportsmen and outdoorsmen. It is recommended that the purchase of this tract be made at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely yours,

Dewey W. Wills  
Supervisor, District IV

DWW/dg

cc: Mr. R. K. Yancey  
Mr. Kenneth Smith  
Mr. Charles R. Shaw

Chairman Thompson called on Allan Ensminger to tell the Commission of the request received from the Pan American Petroleum Corporation.

Mr. Ensminger stated that the Commission received a request from the Pan American Petroleum Corporation for permission to conduct a geophysical velocity survey in connection with drilling operations on their State Lease 4647, Well No. 2. This drilling will be conducted solely on the leases owned by Pan American Petroleum Corporation; however, they would first like to have Commission approval. Mr. Ensminger said that this request has been investigated and found to be in order and recommended that the Commission grant this request.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Pan American Petroleum Corporation to conduct a geophysical velocity survey in the currently drilling Pan American et al State Lease 4647, Well No. 2. This survey being conducted solely on that portion already leased to the Pan American Petroleum Corporation et al.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson called on Dr. Lyle St. Amant to tell the Commission of the three requests for dredging permits received.

Dr. St. Amant said that actually two of the permits are for renewal and one is a new permit.

Dr. St. Amant stated that a request was received from the Louisiana Materials Company, Inc. for the renewal of their permit to dredge shells on Cabbage Reef in the Mississippi Sound Area. These permits have been in existence for a number of years, but must be renewed annually. He recommended that this permit be extended for the forthcoming year.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the renewal of the annual permit for Louisiana Materials Company, Inc. to dredge shells on Cabbage Reef in the Mississippi Sound Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant said that another permit renewal request was received from Jahncke Service, Inc. to dredge shells on Cabbage Reef in the Mississippi Sound Area and recommended that the Commission grant this request.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the renewal of the annual permit for Jahncke Service, Inc. to dredge shells on Cabbage Reef in the Mississippi Sound Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in

connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant said that a request was received for a permit to dredge sand and/or gravel from the bed of Little River in Grant Parish by the Rambo Drilling Contractor. Dr. St. Amant stated that the Rambo Drilling Contractor has completed the proper application and necessary information supplied. This application was examined and found to be in proper order and therefore, recommended the issuance of the permit provided that it include the standard clause concerning possible pollution from this operation.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the application of the Rambo Drilling Contractor has been examined and found to be in proper order by personnel of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant the issuance of a permit to dredge sand and/or gravel from the bed of Little River in Grant Parish by the Rambo Drilling Contractor provided said permit includes standard clause concerning possible pollution from this operation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby empowered and authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant also stated to the Commission that it was his unhappy task to report that Mr. W. Dudley Gunn passed away

unexpectedly on July 25, 1966. Dr. St. Amant gave a brief biography of Mr. Gunn and recommended that a resolution of sympathy be adopted and copies sent to the survivors as well as being incorporated in the minutes of the Commission meeting.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the late W. Dudley Gunn, Director of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission since 1961 and Executive Secretary of that organization since 1949, passed away unexpectedly July 25, 1966, and

WHEREAS, during his entire tenure of office with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, he worked unceasingly to promote a proper organization to promote the fisheries of the Gulf States, through development of a joint program for the promotion and protection of Gulf of Mexico fisheries resources and the prevention of any physical waste of these important resources so vital to the economy of the States of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, and

WHEREAS, W. Dudley Gunn was one of the prime movers behind organization of a company of Gulf Coast States that was signed in July, 1949, following enabling legislation by the Legislatures of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, and

WHEREAS, since formation of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, there have been remarkable steps in research, freely shared by the five states making up the Commission, resulting in

economic growth for the people of those states and in mutual assistance in problems that have confronted the fisheries industry from time to time, and

WHEREAS, Dudley Gunn's services to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission have been many and always willingly rendered over and beyond the call of duty when requested, and

WHEREAS, Dudley Gunn's passing, following a brief illness, represents a great loss to this Commission, similar Commissions in four other Gulf Coast States, the fisheries industry and the thousands of persons engaged in every facet of the overall fisheries industry.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does today adopt this resolution of sympathy to W. Dudley Gunn's survivors and express as a body its feeling of personal loss over his untimely passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to his survivors and that a copy of this resolution be incorporated in the permanent minutes of this Commission.

Chairman Thompson asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission and recognized Mr. Jerry Dubuchel of the St. Bernard Sportsman's League.

Mr. DuBuchel said that he realized that the meeting for the setting of the seasons would be held on August 2; however, he would like to state that their organization had met with Mr. Emfinger, biologist of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, and

the matter of the rabbit and deer season for 1966-67 was discussed. Because of Hurricane Betsy the hunting seasons for last year were closed, but they would like to recommend to the Commission that they have an open season this year. The St. Bernard Sportsman's League would like to go on record as concurring with the Commission's recommendations for the area.

Chairman Thompson also recognized Mr. Art Rome, Reporter for the Times-Picayune Newspaper.

Mr. Rome asked the Commission about the progress of the investigation of the Hair-Hood incident at Grand Isle, and when can the public expect a report.

Chairman Thompson said that the Commission worked until 8:00 P.M. last night and again early that morning to try and reach some conclusion on the investigation. He said that this investigation would continue and the public would be informed at a later date.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jimmie Thompson", is written over a horizontal line.

Jimmie Thompson  
Chairman